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CANADA
Province of Ontario
To Wit:

(In the matter of Canadian
(Prisoners of War at Hong
(Kong and Vicinity.

I, P-38163 QMS (WO II) Victor Joseph MYATT, Corps of Military Staff Clerks, residing at 722 Desmarchais Boulevard, Verdun, Quebec, make oath and say:-

1. I am a member of the Canadian Army, Permanent Force.
2. I was a member of the Senior Administrative Officers' Staff of "C" Force, Canadian Army, which was the Canadian Force which took part in the defence of Hong Kong.
3. I became a prisoner of the Japanese Army on 25 December, 1941, when the Island capitulated.
4. I was held prisoner in North Point and Sham Shui Po Camps in Hong Kong and Kowloon until 15 August 1943, when I was despatched to Japan as a member of a labour draft.
5. While at Sham Shui Po and North Point we were ordered by the Camp Commandant to supply labour parties to work at Kai Tek Airport in Kowloon. The Commandants from whom we received these orders were Lieut WADA and another whose name I do not now recall. We understood that the demands for these parties came from the PW Administration under Colonel TOKUNAGA. The number of men called for was often as high as 850, although there were hardly any physically fit men in camp capable of doing hard work. I feel sure that Colonel TOKUNAGA was well aware of our physical condition when he sent in his demands as he made frequent visits to our camps.
6. I remember one particular occasion when 850 men were called upon. There were not even that number who were capable of walking out to the job. However, the Camp Commandants were so brutal, stupid and followed the orders to the letter, that a number of extremely sick men were actually carried out to the job on stretchers in order to meet the exact number demanded. I saw this sort of thing happen on numerous occasions.
7. I cannot state that this treatment caused the deaths of any men who were carried out to Kai Tek. They were not called upon, nor were they capable of doing any work when they arrived. They just remained on their stretchers all day and were carried back to camp at night. I merely cite this as an example of the brutal stupidity displayed by the Hong Kong PW Administration.

8. When I was despatched to Japan on 15 August, 1943, almost every member of the Canadian party of 376 men was suffering from beri, pellagra or some other manifestation of malnutrition. Some were also convalescing after having had diptheria and a number had been discharged from the hospital to make up the draft.

9. Being well aware of our condition prior to despatching us to Japan, I feel that the Hong Kong PW Administration is in a large measure responsible for the great number of deaths which occurred shortly after our arrival in Niigata.

This affidavit of the deponent, Victor Joseph MYATT, consisting of this page, signed by the deponent and by me, was sworn before me at the City of Ottawa this 12th day of February, 1946.

/s/ Victor J. MYATT.
(P-38163 QMS (WO II) MYATT, V J)
Corps of Military Staff Clerks

/s/ _____
A Notary Public in and for the Province
of Ontario.

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カナダ、オンタリオ州

香港及其附近ニ於ケル「カナダ」人俘虜ニ関スル件即チ
キューバック州ウアーデレ市デスマンシェー街セニニ現住スル
私陸軍事務員 (P-38163 gms) グラフタージョセフ
マイヤットハニ直轄言ニ上陳述スル。

(一) 私ハ「カナダ」陸軍事務員ニ属スルモテアリマス。

(二) 私ハ香港防備ニ参加シマシタ「カナダ」軍(C部隊)高級
副官部ノ一員デアリマシタ。

(三) 私ハ一九四一年十二月二十五日香港陥落ノ際日本軍ノ俘
虜ニナリマシタ。

(四) 私ハ徴用労働隊ノ一人トシテ日本ニ派遣セラレルマデ
即チ一九四三年八月十五日迄香港及九龍ニ於テ
ハースポイント及「シヤム・レニポ」収容所ニ俘虜ト
シテ收容サレテ居リマシタ。

(五) 「シヤム・レニポ」及ハースポイントニ居ツタ時私達ハ九龍
ノ「カイテック」飛行場デ働ク作業隊ヲ出スヤリ收容
所長ヨリ命令サレマシタ。吾々ニコノ命令ヲ出シテ所
長ハ和田(音訳)中尉ト其他ニモウ一人居リマシタガ

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、名前、今現に出せてせん。

、作業隊ニ対スル要求、徳永（音沢）大佐下、信
房管理部長カウ出タコトが解ツテ居リマス。

肉作的ニ重労働ニ適スル信房ハ殆ンド居ナカ
タモカハ、要求サシタ信房人員ハ倭々八百五十名
ノ数ニ達シマス。徳永大佐ハ私意、收容所ニ
度々来テキマシカウ私ハ彼ガ前述、要求ツ出シタ時
ニハ私意、健康状態ヲヨウ承知シテ居ツタコト確信
シマス。

(六) 私ハ八百五十名要求サシタコトがアツタ時、事ヲ見
エテキマスガ仕事場ニ歩イテ行ケ得ル人数スラシ
クテ居ナカッタデス。此ノコトガ所長ハ残忍ニ思ヒ鈍
デ命令ヲ又子通シニ服シタデス。
要求サシタ数ヲ確定ニ折ヘル者ニ重病、信房、幾
名カハ實際ニ擔加チテ仕事場迄運バシタ位デス。
私ハ此ノヤウナ事ガ何回モアツタノヲ見マス。

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